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SUBJECT: NEW STATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

REF: MOSCOW 6672

1. IN APRIL 7 CONVERSATION WITH SCICOUNS, YURIY IZRAEL' CHAIRMAN OF HYDROMET WAS VERY CAUTIOUS IN COMMENTING ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FORMATION OF NEW STATE COMMITTEE FOR HYDROLOGY AND CONTROL OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT. (REF) IZRAEL' CONFIRMED THAT THE STATE COMMITTEE WILL PLAY A CENTRAL COORDINATING ROLE IN SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ALL SOVIET MINISTRIES OR INSTITUTIONS CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PORTIONS OF SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS WILL RETAIN THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE. IZRAEL' WAS UNWILLING TO COMMENT ON WHETHER THE NEW STATE COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT POWERS; NOTING THAT ENFORCEMENT IS A COMPLICATED LEGAL AND AD-  
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MINISTRATIVE QUESTION WHICH IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED. IZRAEL' DID NOT COMMENT ON WHO WOULD BE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW STATE COMMITTEE.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IZRAEL' WOULD NOT COMMENT ON HIS CHANCES OF ASSUMING CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NEW STATE COMMITTEE, HIS DEMEANOR DURING THE CONVERSATION, HIS REFERENCES

TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES, AND PREVIOUS REPORTS (REF) LEAD US  
TO BELIEVE THAT IZRAEL' HAS AN EXCELLENT CHANCE TO BE  
NAMED TO THE POSITION. IZRAEL' IS AN ABLE SCIENTIST-  
ADMINISTRATOR, HOWEVER, HE LACKS THE POLITICAL BASE TO  
SERIOUSLY CHALLENGE THE INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES ON ENVIR-  
ONMENTAL PROTECTION QUESTIONS. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
HAS SUCH GREAT PRIORITY TO THE LEADERSHIP THAT IT IS  
UNLIKELY THAT THE NEW STATE COMMITTEE WILL BE SUPPLIED  
WITH THE TEETH TO DO A REAL ENFORCEMENT JOB. A MORE  
POWERFUL CHOICE WOULD BE IZRAEL'S PREDECESSOR YE. K.  
FEDEROV, CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE.  
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